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SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

The Selectmen respectfully present to the town of Mont Vernon their annual report of the receipts and expenditures for the year ending March 1st, 1883.

RECEIPTS.

Balance in treasury, March 1st, 1882,	$ 374 53	
Amount of taxes assessed,	3442 45	
Interest on taxes,	9 14	
Received for bowling alley,	30 00	
Received for grass on park,	6 00	
		$3862 12

RECEIVED FROM STATE.

Savings Bank Tax,	$710 04	
Railroad Tax,	40 26	
Literary Fund,	57 50	
		$807 80
Whole amount of receipts,	$4669 92	
Borrowed money,	500 00	
		$5169 92

EXPENDITURES.

Paid state tax,	$744 00	
Paid county tax,	567 57	
		$1311 57

SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

Paid Center district,	$308 83	
South district,	195 79	
East district,	109 83	
North district,	95 75	
West district,	73 00	
Amherst district,	17 48	
		$800 68
Paid McCollom Institute,	$300 00	
Amherst school-house tax,	10 20	
		$310 20
Due West district,	$12 58	
North district,	4 75	

BREAKING ROADS AND EXTRA REPAIRS TO MARCH 1, 1883.

	EXTRA REPAIRS.	BREAKING ROADS.
Paid District No. 1,		$1 50
District No. 2,		1 80
District No. 3,		2 02
District No. 4,		5 00
District No. 5,	$12 60	4 50
District No. 6,		5 40
District No. 7,	3 00	1 50
District No. 8,	15 25	8 40
District No. 9,		10 21
District No. 10,		
District No. 11,		8 25
District No. 12,		4 70
District No. 13,		9 27
District No. 14,	17 94	98

District No. 15,	10 50		
District No. 16,		4 40	
District No. 17,	4 00	2 29	
	$63 29	$70 22	$133 51

SUPPORT OF POOR.

Paid for the support of W. H. Brown, at County Farm, from Jan. 1st, 1882, to Jan. 1st, 1883,	$104 00	
For Chas. Smith from March 1st, 1882, to March 1st, 1883,	39 00	
For expenses on account of poor,	4 25	
		$147 25

MISCELLANEOUS.

Paid for hotel property,	$300 00	
For digging graves, care of hearse and yard,	18 49	
For putting up railing and repairing stone bridge in District No. 11,	42 30	
Discount on taxes,	79 34	
For plate for road machine and storage,	11 00	
For widening road in District No. 13,	8 00	
For expenses on Amherst road hearing,	5 00	
For making out check-lists for 1882 and 1883,	3 00	
L. E. Nutt, note and interest,	578 81	
For wood,	2 00	
Interest on James Upton's note,	7 70	
For Drs. Myshrall, Hatch and Dearborn, reports of births and deaths,	1 50	
Wm. Conant, for agreeing to maintain a public watering trough,	3 00	
For printing reports for 1882,	16 88	

Interest on McCollom Institute note for 1882,	15 00	
For repairs on road machine,	3 30	
For setting glass in Town Hall,	40	
For collector's book, surveyor's books, check-lists, warrants, recording deed of park, stationery and postage,	10 05	
For bounty on crows,	20 00	
For non-resident highway receipts,	66 00	
For expenses and services in case, Nashua vs. Mont Vernon,	32 90	
Perley Dodge for counsel,	1 00	
G. W. Averill, reporting births and deaths to secretary of state,	5 75	
For abatement of Israel Burnham's taxes for 1881,	6 73	
		$1238 15

ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

On hotel property for 1882,	$ 5 16	
Joseph Drucker, over tax,	3 87	
Abatement of taxes for 1881 and 1882,	10 81	
		$19 84

TOWN OFFICERS SERVICES.

Paid B. F Davis, selectman,	$59 50
G. G. Batchelder, selectman,	43 50
J. W. Carson, selectman,	29 25
G. W. Averill, town clerk,	20 00
Clark Campbell, treasurer,	20 00
James Upton, collector,	35 00
J. Trevitt, auditor,	1 50
C. A. Livingston, constable,	2 00
James Upton, supervisor,	2 00

C. A. Livingston, supervisor,	4 00	
J. M. Fox, supervisor for 1882 and 1883,	4 00	
J. W. Carson, moderator,	1 50	
		$225 25

NOTES AGAINST THE TOWN.

A. S. Bruce, note and interest,	$403 90	
A. W. Raymond, note and interest,	373 75	
McCollom Institute,	307 56	
A. W. Raymond, note and interest,	122 85	
Ann Campbell, note and interest,	312 83	
James Upton, note,	200 00	
		$1720 89

Whole amount of receipts,	$5169 92	
Whole amount of bills paid,	4183 45	
Balance in treasury,		$986 47

Notes against the town,	$1720 89	
Balance in treasury,	986 47	
Indebtedness of the town,		$734 42

All of which is respectfully submitted.

BENJ. F. DAVIS,
G. G. BATCHELDER,
J. W. CARSON,
Selectmen of Mont Vernon.

Feb. 27, 1883.

I have this day examined the above report and find the same correctly cast and properly vouched.

JOHN TREVITT,
Auditor.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The treasurer of the town of Mont Vernon submits the following report for the year ending March 1st, 1883.

March 1st, 1882.

To cash in treasurer's hands,	$197 28	
Note for uncollected taxes for 1873,	39 10	
" " " " " 1880,	10 00	
" " " " " 1881,	128 15	
" " " " " 1882,	392 63	
Ann A. Campbell's note for	300 00	
James Upton's note for	200 00	
To grass sold on hotel lot,	6 00	
To cash received for sale of bowling alley,	30 00	
To cash received, interest on taxes for 1881 to 1882,	9 14	
To cash received from state on banks, &c.,	807 80	
To cash received of collector for 1882,	3049 82	
		$5169 92

Cr.

By paying state tax,	$744 00	
By paying county tax,	567 57	
Note for uncollected taxes for 1873,	39 10	
" " " " " 1881,	10 00	
" " " " " 1882,	392 63	
By paying seventy-six orders of selectmen,	2871 88	
		$4625 18

Whole amount of receipts,	$5169 92	
Whole amount of bills paid,	4625 18	
Balance in treasury,		$544 74

FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE TOWN.

Indebtedness,	$1720 89	
Notes for uncollected taxes and money in treasury,	986 47	
Balance against the town,		$734 42

CLARK CAMPBELL,
Town Treasurer.

Feb. 27, 1883.

I have this day examined the foregoing account and find the same correctly cast and properly vouched.

JOHN TREVITT,
Auditor.

SCHOOL REPORT.

To the Citizens of Mont Vernon:

In presenting this annual report of the schools entrusted by the town to my supervision, I am gratified to be able to say that the duties of Prudential Committee, in the several districts, have been discharged with fidelity and good judgment. They have sought in season to procure the best teachers available. The school fund has been profitably expended. The schools have been successful. In thorough, practical teaching there has been an advance. As most of the pupils are in the earlier, I may say *primary* stages, it is all-important that they should be instructed by careful and thorough teachers, familiar with the best methods, and skillful and apt in training the young pupil in elementary knowledge. Most of those who have taught here the past year have excelled in this respect, and in none is there any marked deficiency to report.

CENTER SCHOOL.

MR. W. S. A. STARRETT, PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE.

Miss Agnes M. Lash, of New Boston, taught the first term. Miss Lash is a young teacher but of good promise. She has good scholarship, and her method of teaching kept her pupils occupied and a fresh and lively interest in school-work was sustained through the term. So favorably was she regarded that an engagement was made with her for the second term, but an attack of illnesss compelled her to cancel it.

As her successor the committee was so fortunate as to secure the services of Miss Carrie E. Paige, of Weare, who continued through the year. Miss Paige is a veteran in her vocation, her teaching experience covering nearly forty terms. She labored here with marked success. Her instruction was careful and thorough. No pupil was permitted to advance upon new ground until that previously occupied had been thoroughly worked, consequently the proficiency made was reliable. Her government was excellent. Her school steadily improved in order, reaching a higher standard than for years. Her scholars loved and cheerfully obeyed her. In all that makes a progressive school of the best model little more could be desired. It is believed that the best interests of the school would be promoted by her continuance in it, and it is hoped that the well-earned favor with which she is regarded by parents and pupils will lead to her re-engagement for the coming year.

SOUTH DISTRICT.

HENRY F. DODGE, PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE.

The school fund of this district has for the last two years permitted three terms of school, instead of two as before.

Miss Ella F. Dodge, of Francestown, a teacher of approved efficiency for two terms last year, taught the Summer term with her previous success. Another engagement compelling her to decline the Fall term, Miss Sybil B. Marden was employed. Her scholarship is fine and her kindliness won the affection of her charge. She was popular in the district, yet the committee is of the opinion, that with her many excellences, she was too indulgent, and that there was a laxity of discipline which imposed a severe task upon her successor in restoring the order which is indispensable to a first-rate school.

Miss Bertha I. Sawtelle, of Amherst, conducted the third term. This was her sixth term of teaching. On my first visit to the school at its commencement it appeared to be in a state

of chronic disorder which was surprising, and as unsatisfactory to myself as it was perplexing to the teacher. This led to repeated visits of inspection. The change from chaos to most perfect order was remarkable and demonstrated the determination and capacity of Miss Sawtelle. Her manner of instruction was the very best, and she secured the cordial attachment of her scholars. The attendance of visitors at the close was large, and the fine condition of the school rendered the occasion one not surpassed in interest by any previous examination here. Miss Sawtelle wrought a good work here, and I hope the district will recall her to its service.

EAST SCHOOL.

HENRY M. FAIRFIELD, PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE.

Miss Sybil B. Marden, of New Boston, taught the Summer term. Miss Marden taught here last year and was very much in favor in the district.

The children evidently liked the teacher and, at its close, it was manifest that the school had made good progress. No deficiency of order was noticeable.

Miss Marden was engaged for the Winter term, commenced it and taught two weeks, when ill-health obliged her to retire. Miss Esther C. Kendall, a resident of the district, succeeded her and kept through the term. There was some friction consequent upon the abrupt change of teachers, and the resolute purpose of Miss Kendall to keep an orderly school or none, but after some annoyance quiet was established, and the school went on prosperously to its close. She maintained good discipline, and her tuition was intelligent and thorough, indicating good scholarship and experience in teaching.

NORTH SCHOOL.

STEPHEN G. CLEMENT, PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE.

Miss Lizzie E. Hill, of Amherst, who taught this school last

year was re-employed for the Summer term. She applied herself to her charge with the same earnestness and fidelity as had before won her the favor of all interested; and when she closed her connection with the school, it was with the esteem and affection of parents and pupils.

Miss Jessie R. Merriam, of Danvers, Mass., taught the Fall term. Miss Merriam is a graduate of the Salem Normal School. Herself a well-trained scholar she was here a most scrupulously thorough teacher. She enforced order, and all the school-work done under her instruction was well done. Her service here was valuable, though to some she may have seemed too exacting. I should be untrue to my convictions did I fail to express my recognition of her superior merit as a teacher.

WEST SCHOOL.

GRANVILLE C. AVERILL, PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE.

Miss A. M. Curtis, of Lyndeborough, who had taught here so acceptably last year, was procured for the Summer term. She addressed herself to her work with her usual energy and tact, and satisfactory progress was made by the pupils.

Miss Emma F. Trow, of Mont Vernon, had charge of the school the Fall term. This was her first experience as a teacher and she made a good beginning. She was quiet and self-assured in the schoolroom. Her government was good and her scholarship ample. The deportment of the school at the close, and the evidence of progress was creditable to all, and attested the ability and devotion of the teacher.

The educational interests of the North and West Districts would be greatly promoted by their union. Thus united the attendance would not much exceed twenty scholars.

I subjoin below "The Roll of Honor," the names of those who have been present every half-day any one term without being tardy.

Center District.—Alice P. Campbell, Emily C. A. Starrett, Hetta M. Starrett, each two terms; Jennie B. Carpenter, Josie Livingston, Charles B. Winters and George F. Johnson, one term.

South District.—Clara E. Dodge, Fannie M. Wilkins, Maud L. Hutchinson, Ida F. Perham, Charles A. Trow, Frank W. Gilbert, two terms each; and Wallace A. Raymond, Dana C. Raymond, Louis A. Trow, Bertie F. Trow, Harry I. Bullard, one term each.

East District.—Sarah Fairfield, M. A. Fairfield, Bertha L. McQuestion, Mary J. McQuestion, Carrie B. Johnson, Lizzie S. Johnson, Bennie Fairfield, Walter H. Fairfield, James W. Brown, Joseph W. Brown, Charles R. Brown, Maurice Herlehy and James Herlehy, one term.

North District.—Hattie M. Kittredge, one term.

West District.—Rufus G. Averill, one term.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

DISTRICT.	Summer, Fall and Winter.	NAMES OF TEACHERS.	Length of school in weeks.	Number of pupils.	Boys.	Girls.	Average attendance.	Wages of teachers incld. board.	Visits by Superintendent.	Visits by Prudential Committee.	Visits by citizens.	Pupils who have not been absent.
	S	Miss A. M. Lash	10	33	15	18	27	$32 00	3	2	23	6
CENTER	F	Miss C. E. Paige	12	26	12	14	21	32 00	3	1	47	9
	W	Miss C. E. Paige	9	30	19	11	26	32 00	3	1	67	9
	S	Miss E. A. Dodge	10	20	13	7	17	26 00	2	1	15	2
SOUTH	F	Miss S. B. Marden	7	19	12	7	18	26 00	2	..	23	9
	W	Miss B. I. Sawtelle	11	20	13	7	17	26 00	3	1	28	6
EAST	S	Miss S. B. Marden	7	18	11	7	18	24 00	2	1	27	9
	W	Miss E. C. Kendall	9	20	12	8	19	24 00	3	2	27	3
NORTH	S	Miss L. E. Hill	9	11	3	8	9	22 00	2	..	9	..
	W	Miss J. R. Merriam	7	10	6	4	9	22 00	2	..	10	..
WEST	S	Miss A. M. Curtis	6	8	7	1	7½	17 00	2	..	6	..
	W	Miss E. F. Trow	10	9	6	3	7	18 00	2	..	7	1

Amount of money raised by town,		$818 01
Literary Fund,		57 50
Amount allotted Center District,	$308 83	
Amount allotted South District,	195 79	
Amount allotted East District,	109 83	
Amount allotted North District,	100 50	
Amount allotted West District,	85 58	
Amount allotted 8th Amherst District,	17 48	

C. J. SMITH,

Superintent of Schools.

Mont Vernon, N. H., Feb. 28, 1883.